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BALANCING SYSTEM AND METHOD**

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement and Requirement for Election of  
Species in the Official Action dated June 28, 2005.

**REMARKS**

The Examiner requires restriction between Group I, claims 1-7, 11-17, and 21-27 and  
Group II, claims 1, 8-10, 11, 18-20, 21 and 28-30, and further requires an election among six  
distinct species.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-7, 11-17 and 21-27. This election is  
respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

The restriction requirement between Groups I and II is improper because it fails to satisfy  
the criteria set forth in the M.P.E.P. for restriction. Group II is not independent or distinct from

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